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SUBJECT: SITUATION IN MOZAMBIQUE AS OF 1600 HOURS MAY 3

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1. MOZAMBIQUE GOVERNMENT IN COORDINATION WITH ARMED FORCES HIGH COMMAND ISSUED COMMUNIQUE ANNOUNCING ABOLITION OF MOCIDADE PORTUGUESA AND MOCIDADE PORTUGUESA FEMININA (YOUTH ORGANIZATIONS) IN FULFILLMENT OF DECREE-LAW FROM JUNTA OF NATIONAL SALVATION AND ORDERING PROVINCIAL SECRETARY OF EDUCATION TO STUDY IMMEDIATE WAYS TO MAKE USE OF FACILITIES OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS IN EDUCATION AND SOCIAL SECTORS.

2. "MOVEMENT OF ARMED FORCES IN MOZAMBIQUE" ISSUED COMMUNIQUE MAY 2 GIVING FULL SUPPORT TO JUNTA OF NATIONAL SALVATION, REQUESTING MOZAMBIQUE PEOPLE TO PLACE COMPLETE FAITH IN ARMED FORCES, AND EXPRESSING CONVICTION THAT ALL
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MILITARY WILL CONTINUE MAINTAIN HIGHEST SPIRIT OF DIS-

CIPLINE AND ADHERENCE TO THE PRINCIPLES CHARACTERISTIC OF THE ARMED FORCES.

3. GROUP OF WORKERS IN MOZAMBIQUE RELEASED MANIFESTO CALLING FOR IMMEDIATE END OF COLONIAL WAR; ABOLITION OF MOZAMBIQUE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR (INSTRUMENT FOR CONTROLLING LABOR CLASS), INSTITUTE OF LABOR, AND OTHER LABOR SYNDICATES; PROMULGATION OF UNION FREEDOM; ABOLITION OF ECONOMIC ORGANIZATIONS OF DEPOSED FASCIST GOVERNMENT WHICH PLACED MILLIONS OF WORKERS IN DESPAIR; ESTABLISHMENT OF MAXIMUM 40-HOUR FIVE-DAY WORK WEEK; IMMEDIATE UPDATING OF MINIMUM WAGES; ESTABLISHMENT OF APPROPRIATE ORGANIZATION TO PROVIDE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR WORKERS; CREATION OF FEDERATION OF UNIONS TO REPRESENT LEGITIMATE INTERESTS OF ALL WORKING CLASS; CONSTRUCTION OF CLASSLESS SOCIETY, IN WHICH "WORKERS WILL OWN MEANS OF PRODUCTION, ELIMINATING EXPLOITATION OF MAN BY MAN"; AND COLLABORATION WITH ALL PROGRESSIVE FORCES.

4. AFRICAN POLITICAL GROUP CALLING ITSELF "NATIONAL CONGRESS OF MOZAMBIQUE" RELEASED COMMUNIQUE DESCRIBING ITSELF AS MULTIRACIAL ORGANIZATION SEEKING TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND POLITICAL EMANCIPATION, WHOSE ONLY AIM IS PEACEFUL CONQUEST OF NATIONAL RIGHTS USURPED BY FASCISM AND COLONIALISM, FORTUNATELY OVERTHROWN BY JUNTA OF NATIONAL SALVATION. LEADER OF GROUP IS 70 YEAR OLD ANTONIO BASILIO CALISTO MAKULULE, FORMER EXILE, WHO HAS SPENT SOME TIME IN JAIL, FOUNDER OF A MUTUALIDADE DE MOCAMBIQUE (INSURANCE CO) AND OF ASSOCIACAO DOS TRABALHADORES AFRICANOS DE ESTIVA DE MOCAMBIQUE (LABOR UNION OF STEVEDORES). MAKULULE WAS REPORTEDLY ASSOCIATED WITH SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR IN EARLY DAYS AND IS AN ARDENT NATIONALIST. OTHER MEMBERS OF GROUP ARE AFRICANS AND MULATTOS, OBVIOUSLY ASSOCIATED WITH MAKULULE EITHER IN INSURANCE COMPANY OR STEVEDOR LABOR UNION.

5. DEMOCRATIC MOVEMENT OF MOZAMBIQUE (MODEMO) PUBLISHED COMMUNIQUE MAY 2 DECLARING ITSELF MULTIRACIAL PARTY FOR ALL SOCIAL CLASSES. PROGRAM INCLUDE : DISMISSAL OF ALL CIVIL SERVANTS OF MOZAMBIQUE; ABOLITION OF "BANTU MONARCHY"; MORE SCHOOLS TO SATISFY LABOR NEEDS OF MOZAMBIQUE; 50 LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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PERCENT INCREASE IN WORKERS' WAGES; AND (HEAVILY STRESSED) PROHIBITION OF PROSTITUTION.

6. TOWN IS FILLED WITH CORRESPONDENTS INCLUDING REPS OF NEW YORK TIMES (HENRY KAMM), AP (WHITING), NP (WILKINSON), BRITISH AND SOUTH AFRICAN PRESS. SOME OF THEM CAME HERE AFTER BEING REFUSED ENTRY INTO ANGOLA FOR LACK OF VISAS. APPARENTLY MOZAMBIQUE EX-DGS AIRPORT OFFICIALS STILL ON THE

JOB, WITHOUT INSIGNIA, ARE RELAXING ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS ON AD HOC BASIS TO ALLOW JOURNALISTS TO ENTER ON 3 TO 8 DAY TEMPORARY VISAS.

7. ON MAY 3, GUMO-SPONSORED MEETING IN XIPAMANINE WAS ATTENDED BY CROWD OF SEVERAL THOUSAND AFRICANS (FEW WHITES). DR. JOANA SIMIAO'S SPEECH EXPOUNDING GUMO'S AIMS RECEIVED SOME APPLAUSE BUT FAILED TO STIR UP MUCH ENTHUSIASM. DESPITE USE OF LOUDSPEAKERS, NOISE OF CROWD (GREAT PERCENTAGE DID NOT UNDERSTAND PORTUGUESE) MADE IT DIFFICULT TO HEAR WHAT SHE SAID AND SUBSEQUENT TRANSLATION INTO AFRICAN DIALECT (RONGA) ELICITED LITTLE RESPONSE.
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